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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Matthew E. Warren	2815

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 November 2005.  
 2a) This action is FINAL.                  2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 and 10-14 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 1 and 10-14 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 01 November 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the RCE and Amendment filed on November 1, 2005.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 10, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arndt et al. (US 6,459,130 B1) in view of Hori (US 6,469,398 B1).

In re claim 1, Arndt et al. shows (fig. 1a-1c and 3) optoelectronic component based on a surface mount technology, said optoelectronic component comprising: an electrically conductive frame (17) to form a base for an assembly; at least an optoelectronic chip (1) mounted on the base; and an electrical connection (16) between the optoelectronic chip and the electrically conductive frame (17) by a wiring means (16); soldering terminals (11 and 12) which are part of the electrically conductive frame and are exposed at bottom and side portions of the component; wherein the said electrically conductive frame is entirely encapsulated with a hard transparent or translucent resin material (3) to enable optical radiation to be transmitted or received via the optoelectronic component (col. 4, lines 14-20). Arndt does not show that the soldering terminals (11 and 12) do not extend beyond an outline of the encapsulation

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material because the terminals are bent inward toward the encapsulation material. However, Hori shows (fig. 1A-AC) a semiconductor package comprising soldering terminals (11 and 12) that do not extend beyond an outline of the encapsulation material (5). With this configuration, it is possible to reduce the package size (col. 8, lines 1-12). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the solder terminals of Arndt by keeping them within the outlines of the encapsulation material as taught by Hori to reduce the package size.

In re claim 10, Arndt discloses that the electrically conductive material is metal (col. 2, lines 44-67).

In re claim 13, Arndt shows (fig. 1c) a cavity (4) is formed in the electrically conductive frame (17) and used to attach the optoelectronic chip within said cavity and serve inherently as a reflector, since the materials and structure are the same as the instant invention.

Claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arndt et al. (US 6,459,130 B1) in view of Hori (US 6,469,398 B1) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Hurt et al. (US Pub. 2003/0007749 A1).

In re claims 11 and 12, Arndt and Hori show all of the elements of the claims except the lens or the multiple lens structure to be part of the encapsulation material. Hurt et al. shows (fig. 5) that a lens structure is used in an optoelectronic package to launch radiation into an external fiber or focus received light into the die [0042 and 0043]. The reference does not specifically use multiple lens however multiple lens may

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be required for multiple devices such as components 3 and 4 shown in fig. 5. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use three, four, etc., lenses to focus light into to multiple devices. It has been held that mere duplication of the essential working parts of a device involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Harza*, 274 F.2d 669, 124 USPQ 378 (CCPA 1960). See also MPEP 2144.04 VI. (B). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the package of Arndt and Hori by adding a lens as taught by Hurt to focus light into a optoelectronic device.

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arndt et al. (US 6,459,130 B1) in view of Hori (US 6,469,398 B1) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Kwon et al. (US 6,518,660 B2).

In re claim 14, Arndt and Hori show all of the elements of the claims except the grooves and wings in the base material to enhance anchorage which Kwon et al. discloses (col. 3, lines 60-65). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the package of Arndt and Hori by forming grooves and wings in a base layer as taught by Kwon to enhance adhesion of subsequently adhered devices and components.

***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed with respect to claims 1 and 10-14 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant primarily asserts that the references do not show all of the elements of the claims, specifically that Arndt et al. does not show that the electrically conductive frame is entirely encapsulated with a transparent or translucent material. The applicant's cite column 3, lines 4-7 of Arndt as stating that the encapsulation 3 has a radiation-impermeable base body 7 and a radiation-permeable window part 9 (for figs. 1a-c). Although Arndt discloses such features, Arndt also teaches an additional embodiment. In this additional embodiment, as stated in the rejection above, Arndt discloses (col. 4, lines 14-24) "the encapsulation 3 is produced completely from a radiation-permeable material for example, a transparent synthetic resin." The additional embodiments have all of the features of the first and second embodiments (in figs. 1a-c and 2a-b) except that the encapsulation is transparent. Therefore, Arndt discloses the limitations in question and the combined references show all of the elements of the claims. The 35 USC 103 rejection above is still proper and shall be maintained.

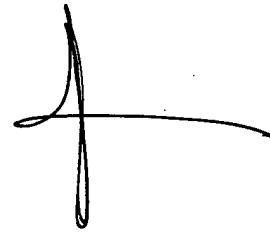
***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew E. Warren whose telephone number is (571) 272-1737. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur and alternating Fri 9:00-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kenneth Parker can be reached on (571) 272-2298. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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